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District Man Indicted on PCP Distribution Charges -Arrested After Drugs, Gun Found in His Residence -

WASHINGTON - Danard Brown, 18, of Washington D.C., has been indicted on charges stemming from an investigation into the sale of PCP at an apartment complex in Southeast Washington, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced today.

Brown was indicted on June 9, 2011 by a grand jury in the U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia. The indictment charges him with 10 counts, including unlawful distribution of PCP and other narcotics and firearms offenses. It also includes a forfeiture allegation calling for him to turn over any and all proceeds of the drug sales. Brown faces a potential sentence of up to 40 years in prison if convicted of the charges. An arraignment date has not yet been set.

The indictment was the culmination of a joint investigation by the Metropolitan Police Department's Narcotics and Special Investigations Division and the Washington Division Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration. The investigation began in July 2010 and focused on the Woodberry Apartments complex, in the 3200 block of 23rd Street SE.

Brown, who lived in the complex, is accused of selling PCP on numerous occasions between July 2010 and March 2011. He was arrested in March 2011 after authorities searched his residence and found more than 100 grams of PCP and a loaded 9-millimeter pistol. Brown initially was charged in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The charges in that case have now become part of the broader federal indictment.

An indictment is merely an allegation that a defendant has committed a violation of criminal law and is not evidence of guilt. Every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty in a court of law.

In announcing the indictment, U.S. Attorney Machen praised the efforts of those who investigated the case for the MPD and DEA, as well as Assistant U.S. Attorney Rikki McCoy, who is prosecuting the case.